



Voting Information News

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***A roundup of voting news from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)
For voters, potential voters and those who assist voters.***

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“To Do” This Month:

- ✓ Encourage participation in the upcoming primary elections as well as the November elections. In many cases, requests for registration must be received at least 30 days prior to the election. Consult the *Voting Assistance Guide* at www.fvap.ncr.gov for state-by-state details and encourage all UOCAVA citizens to participate. Make sure you provide a training session or briefing devoted to registration and voting procedures. These sessions should be available to new personnel and their family members.
- ✓ Make sure the installation or Embassy/Consulate operator knows where to refer callers who require voting assistance.

Change of Address Notification a Must

In anticipation of the upcoming elections, citizens must be reminded of their responsibility to notify their Local Election Official (LEO) of changes in their mailing address (where the citizen wants the LEO to send the ballot.) Many LEOs report that absentee voting materials mailed to citizens are returned to them marked “Address Unknown.” This problem may be caused by changes in duty stations or overseas residence addresses. Citizens should have enough time to receive, vote their ballot, and return it to the LEO to meet state deadlines.

Ways to notify your LEO

Notify your LEO in writing by clearly indicating your name, date of birth, and both new and old addresses. The new address is where you would like to receive your ballot. A voter registration number or Social Security Number can provide further information to help the LEO properly identify the voter. Addresses for LEOs can be found in Chapter 3 of the 2002-2003 *Voting Assistance Guide* (also on the FVAP website www.fvap.ncr.gov) at the end of the instruction section for each state.

You can also use a Federal Post Card Application Form (FPCA), SF 76. Many states require citizens to submit a new FPCA each calendar year to request ballots for the elections held during that year. Completion instructions for each state are in the *Guide*. This is a good opportunity for the LEO to be notified of address changes. On the FPCA submitted as a ballot request, the citizen can indicate these changes in Item 4 – “MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO.” Be sure

to indicate “new address” in the top of this box. Write your previous address in Item 7 “REMARKS.” As a result, the FPCA will serve as a simultaneous absentee ballot request and a change of address form for voting purposes.

A third option is to use the small, perforated card entitled “NOTE TO ELECTION OFFICIAL” on the FPCA to notify the election official of a change of address. Although the election officials normally use this, it may be used as a change of address form by the voter. (Note: exercising this option will only change the address in the registrar’s rolls and will not serve as a registration application or request for an absentee ballot.) To use this method the citizen should separate this card from the rest of the form, and then write on the top of the card “CHANGE OF ADDRESS.” The citizen should clearly indicate his or her name and date of birth, and should label both old and new address somewhere on the face of the card, ignoring the words preprinted on the card. The card must then be signed and dated in the spaces indicated on the bottom of the card. The card should then be turned over and addresses should also be provided. Note: the FPCA does require postage if mailed from outside the U.S. postal system.

Informing your LEO of address changed ensures timely receipt of your absentee balloting materials.☑

2002 State Primary Elections

This chart lists the 2002 primary election dates in all the States, Territories, and the District of Columbia; primary runoff dates (if applicable); states with U.S. Senate and Governor races, and the number of U.S. Representative seats up for re-election. The General Election is Tuesday, November 5, 2002. Please note changes (since December 2001) to GA, CA, and DC. ☑

STATE	State Primary Date	State Runoff Primary	Officials to be Nominated for the General Election		
			U.S. Senate	U.S. Representatives	State Governor
Alabama	June 4	June 25	Yes	7	Yes
Alaska	August 27	—	Yes	1	Yes
American Samoa	—	—	—	—	—
Arizona	September 10	—	—	8	Yes
Arkansas	May 21	June 11	Yes	4	Yes
California	March 5	—	—	53	Yes
Colorado	August 13	—	Yes	7	Yes
Connecticut	September 10	—	—	5	Yes
Delaware	September 7	—	Yes	1	—
District of Columbia	September 10	—	—	1 Delegate	(Mayor)
Florida	September 10	—	—	25	Yes
Georgia	August 20	September 10	Yes	13	Yes
Guam	September 7	—	—	1 Delegate	—
Hawaii	September 21	—	—	2	Yes
Idaho	May 28	—	Yes	2	Yes
Illinois	March 19	—	Yes	19	Yes
Indiana	May 7	—	—	9	—
Iowa	June 4	—	Yes	5	Yes
Kansas	August 6	—	Yes	4	Yes
Kentucky	May 28	—	Yes	6	—
Louisiana	November 5 (Congressional)	December 7 (Congressional)	Yes	7	—
Maine	June 11	—	Yes	2	Yes
Maryland	September 10	—	—	8	Yes
Massachusetts	September 17	—	Yes (1)	10	Yes
Michigan	August 6	—	Yes	15	Yes
Minnesota	September 10	—	Yes	8	Yes
Mississippi	June 4	June 25	Yes	4	—
Missouri	August 6	—	Yes	9	—
Montana	June 4	—	Yes	1	—
Nebraska	May 14	—	Yes	3	Yes
Nevada	September 3	—	—	3	Yes
New Hampshire	September 10	—	Yes	2	Yes
New Jersey	June 4	—	Yes	13	—
New Mexico	June 4	—	Yes	3	Yes
New York	September 10	—	—	29	Yes
North Carolina	May 7	June 4	Yes	13	—
North Dakota	June 11	—	—	1	—
Ohio	May 7	—	—	18	Yes
Oklahoma	August 27	September 17	Yes	5	Yes
Oregon	May 21	—	Yes	5	Yes
Pennsylvania	May 21	—	—	21	Yes
Puerto Rico	—	—	—	—	—
Rhode Island	September 10	—	Yes	2	Yes
South Carolina	June 11	June 25	Yes	6	Yes
South Dakota	June 4	June 18	Yes	1	Yes
Tennessee	August 1	—	Yes	9	Yes
Texas	March 12	April 9	Yes	32	Yes
Utah	June 25	—	—	3	—
Vermont	September 10	—	—	1	Yes
Virgin Islands	September 14	—	(VI Legislature)	1	Yes
Virginia	June 11	—	Yes	11	—
Washington	September 17	—	—	9	—
West Virginia	May 14	—	—	3	—
Wisconsin	September 10	—	—	8	Yes
Wyoming	August 20	—	Yes	1	Yes

Contact your Voting Assistance Officer or check the FVAP Website at www.fvap.ncr.gov for updates.

Note: Copying or using VIN articles in other publications, etc. is encouraged

Stateside

Illinois

The Chicago Board of Elections and Suburban Cook County will deliver blank ballots to military service voters and accompanying family members by FAX or E-MAIL for the March 19 primary election. This will expedite the delivery process and is expected to enable more ballots to be returned by election day. If you are a military service member or an accompanying family member and wish to participate in this program, follow the directions below.

FAX DELIVERY: Submit the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) by FAX to the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) ETS at DSN 223-5527 or commercial 703/693-5527 or toll free within the U.S. 800/368-8683. Use the transmission sheet on page 331 of the 2002 *Voting Assistance* Guide. Be sure to provide your commercial FAX number at Item 5. The FVAP system will forward your FAX to the Chicago Election Board or the Cook County Clerk's office. You may also FAX the FPCA directly to the City of Chicago at 312-269-1624. The FPCA must be received no later than 10 days before the election. Your ballot materials will be sent to the FAX number you provide. The completed ballot and certification MUST BE MAILED BACK

and must be received no later than 7 p.m. (Central Time) on election day.

E-MAIL DELIVERY: Send an e-mail to the Chicago Board of Elections at absentee@ameritech.net or to the Cook County Clerk's Office at rwchew@cookcountygov.com. You must include your Chicago or Suburban Cook County voting address, your current military address and your e-mail address. Your ballot materials will be delivered to that e-mail address. The completed ballot and certification MUST BE MAILED BACK and must be received no later than 7 p.m. (Central Time) on election day. You can download the FPCA from the FVAP website at www.fvap.ncr.gov and fill it out on-line. You must then print the completed form, sign and date it by hand and return it by FAX as described above.

Florida – Jan 2002 VIN Addendum

The FPCA can be faxed for absentee ballot request only, *not* for registration. Only those voters who are overseas during the time of the election, both military and civilian, can use the service. ☑



*"The Voice of America,
Is the Voice of 'Your'
Vote."*

*- Darryl L.K. Shon,
1998 Voting Slogan
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Voting Residence Guidelines: Overseas Citizens

The following general guidelines are for **citizens residing outside the United States not affiliated with the federal government** to determine their state of legal residence for voting purposes.

- ✓ "Legal state of residence" for voting purposes is the state where you last resided immediately prior to your departure from the United States. This right extends to overseas citizens even though they may no longer own property or have other ties to their last state of residence and their intent to return to that state may be uncertain.
- ✓ The *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)* of 1986 provides that exercising the right to vote, in elections for **Federal offices**, under the Act should not affect for purposes of any Federal, state or local tax, the residence or domicile of a person exercising such right.

✓ Voting in **Federal offices only** may not be used as the sole basis to determine residency for the purposes of imposing state and local taxes. If you claim a particular state as your residence and have other ties with that state in addition to voting, then you may be liable for state and local taxation, depending upon that particular state law. Appendix E of the 2002-2003 *Voting Assistance Guide* contains information on potential tax obligations. Consult your legal counsel for specific questions.

✓ Your right to vote in your state and determination of voting precinct depend on your physical residence while you were in the state.

If you should have further questions that cannot be answered locally, please contact the FVAP directly. ☐

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